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SUBJECT: FOURTH SESSION, JOINT US-POLISH TRADE COMMISSION

REF: DENT-OLSZEWSKI LETTER OF 5/31/74

COMMERCE FOR BEWT - BOWDEN

1. ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR MET WITH MFTME DIRECTOR RUCINSKI JUNE 19 TO DELIVER LETTER FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DEPUTY PREMIER OLSZEWSKI AND TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR PREPARATION OF FOURTH SESSION OF JOINT TRADE COMMISSION.

2. NOTING PROPOSAL TO HOLD FOURTH SESSION ON SEPT 9 AND 10, RUCINSKI SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THAT TWO DAYS WOULD NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME. THIRD SESSION, WHICH COVERED TWO AND ONE-HALF DAYS, HAD BEEN TOO BRIEF FOR THE BUSINESS AT HAND. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, IT SEEMED QUITE POSSIBLE THAT IN SEPTEMBER WE WOULD HAVE EVEN MORE SUBJECTS TO COVER, IN DETAIL AND IN A DEFINITIVE WAY, THAN AT THE 1973 SESSION. ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR SAID EMBASSY SHRED RUCINSKI'S CONCERN.

3. RUCINSKI SAID QUESTION OF SUFFICIENT TIME FOR MEETINGS OF FOURTH SESSION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED DURING HIS MEETING AT COMMERCE IN LATE MAY WITH BOWDEN, BRAINARD, AND OTHERS. AT THAT TIME, WERNER OF POLISH

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EMBASSY HAD SUGGESTED THAT ONE SOLUTION WOULD BE TO

HAVE TWO OR THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM US SIDE VISIT
WARSAW AT END OF JULY OR BEGINNING OF AUGUST TODO
PREPARATORY WORK ON VARIOUS JOINT SESSION AGENDA ITEMS.
RUCINSKI SAID ANOTHE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE EARLY
ARRIVAL (E.G. SEPT 4) BY POLISH ADVANCE TEAM WHICH
COULD WORK WITH US COUNTERPARTS TO PREPARE ITEMS FOR
A TWO-DAY FORMAL JOINT CEOMMSSION SESSION SEPT 9-10.
HE SAID THESE COULD BE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS, OR PERHAPS
BOTH WOULD PROVE NECESSARY.

4. RUCINSKI REQUESTED THAT THESE PROPOSALS BE TRANSMITTED
TO WASHINGTON AND ASKED TO BE ADVISED OF THE REACTION OF
THE US SIDE.

5. AS TO THE AGENDA, RUCINSKI SAID POLISH SIDE WOULD
HAVE ITS PROPOSED ITEMS TO PRESENT TO US BY MID-JULY
AT THE LATEST. WHILE A NUMBER OF THESE ITEMS ALREADY
WERE PREDICTABLE, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FIRST TO REACH
A COORDINATED POSITION WITH OTHER GOP MINISTRIES.
RUCINSKI ALSO SAID THERE WAS, AS YET, NO FINAL DECISION
AS TO WHETHER DEPUTY PREMIER OLSZEWSKI WOULD BE NAMED
AS THE NEW POLISH CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT TRADE
COMMISSION.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY AGREES WITH POLES ON
NEED FOR PREPARATORY MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY IF FOURTH
SESSION ITSELF IS TO BE LIMITED TO TWO DAYS. PLEASE
ADVISE. ALSO, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DCM DAVIS AND HARRY
W. KOPP, WHO SOON WILL SUCCEED SCHMIDT AS CHIEF OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
SECTION, BE AUTHORIZED TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER
TO PARTICIPATE IN FOURTH SESSION AND IN ANY PREPARATORY
MEETINGS WHICH MAY BE HELD WITH POLISH SIDE.
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